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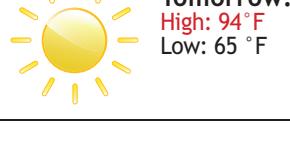
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Watermelon feed welcomes ag students

Tractor displays, free ice cream attract large crowd at annual College of Ag event

Emily Henderson
staff writer

Serving up watermelon on a warm August evening can result in quite the crowd. This was the scene on Weber Hall lawn during Tuesday's watermelon feed, a long-standing tradition within the College of Agriculture that provides free ice cream and watermelon to students.

Designed to introduce new students to the college's different clubs and activities, the event, held every fall semester, is usually well-attended.

"Not only does it serve as a venue for organizations to showcase themselves, but it also helps acquaint new students with opportunities they may not have been aware of," said Christine Wilson, Ag Student Council adviser and College of Agriculture assistant dean of academic programs.

At this year's watermelon feed, 30 clubs were represented. Throughout the years, the number of clubs participating has remained fairly steady because there is rarely an organization within the college that opts out of the event, Wilson said.

"It's the beginning of the year. There are a bunch of new students. Everyone's really excited, and clubs are starting to ramp up their activities for the year," Wilson said. "Not only are they hoping to have returning members, but they're also wanting to attract new ones."

At one point, space between the two tiers of tables set up became so limited that clubs actually had to move their displays back to accommodate the increasing number of students. Lines for slices of watermelon and bowls of ice cream also grew as more faculty and students began to flood Weber Lawn.

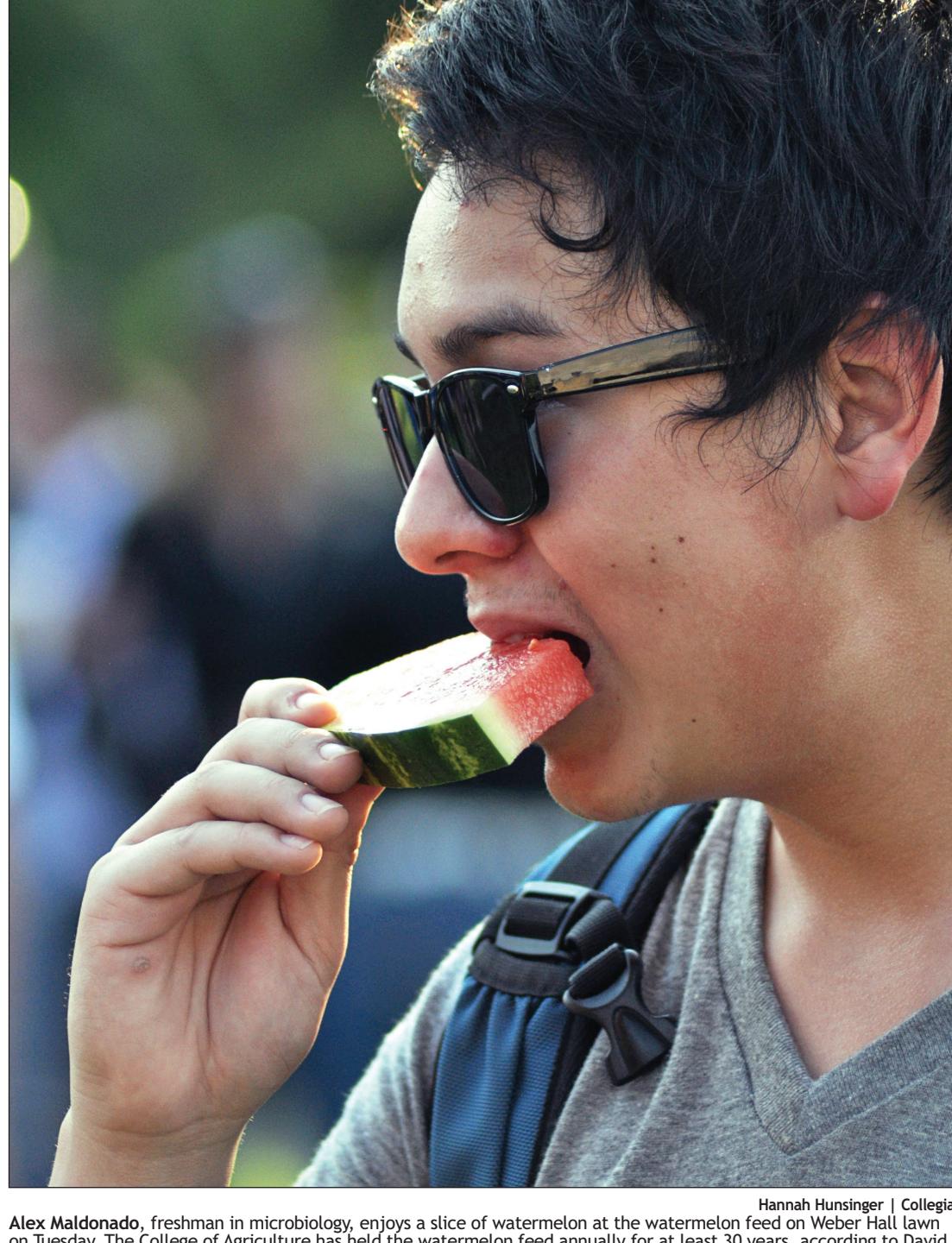
But the excitement is always welcomed, and with the College of Ag seeing a growth in number of students, clubs are excited about what they can accomplish with the opportunity for boosted membership.

One booth that garnered many participants' attention was that of the Quarter Scale Tractor Team. Rather than setting up a table with brochures, the team decided to show off two of its award-winning tractor models. Both painted in purple and containing the coveted Powercat symbol, the models quickly attracted an audience.

"On display we've got the 2011 tractor, which earned an international championship, and the 2012 A-team model, which was an international runner-up," explained Dillon Thompson, club president and senior in biological and agricultural engineering.

Although the team mostly recruits students from the school of agricultural technology management, their display each year sparks interest among all agricultural majors.

Aside from club representatives,



Alex Maldonado, freshman in microbiology, enjoys a slice of watermelon at the watermelon feed on Weber Hall lawn on Tuesday. The College of Agriculture has held the watermelon feed annually for at least 30 years, according to David Nichols, professor of animal sciences.

the majority of attendees consisted of freshmen and transfer students. This can be attributed to the fact that throughout the first week of classes many instructors within the college encourage their students to attend. Some even allow the event to count toward extra credit in their respected courses.

"We recommend that they try a few different clubs, then narrow it down to two or maybe three that they can be actively involved in throughout the year," Wilson said.

Laura Erbe, freshman in animal science, enjoyed how friendly and approachable each of the booths were.

"The whole College of Ag has been very welcoming," said Erbe, who had

a particular interest in the Pre-Vet Club. "I'm intent on learning more about the profession and meeting and speaking with more veterinarians. Hopefully, by joining the club I'll be able to do that."

Sponsors like the Ag Student Council and Alpha Zeta have found that by holding the event during the second week of classes rather than the first, they're actually able to increase student attendance, said Logan Britton, Ag Student Council vice president and junior in agricultural communications and journalism and agriculture economics.

"A lot of students want to settle in, attend class, and establish those good habits," Britton said. "It also gives [the Ag Council] and College of Ag more

time to organize and plan the event."

Planning for an event that boasts such a turnout can be difficult. Luckily, sponsors such as Harder Farms, who provided this year's watermelon, are there to lend a helping hand.

As watermelon ran low and students began to dissipate, professors reminisced about their first watermelon feed experiences. "It has been around as long as I can remember, and I began teaching in '81," said Dave Nichols, professor of animal sciences.

Though the actual date is yet to be uncovered, one thing seems certain: the watermelon feed has become a tradition within the College of Agriculture, one that promises to stick around.

K-State, Kansas news briefs

Karen Ingram
edge editor

DUI checkpoint scheduled for Friday night, early Saturday

The Riley County Police Department will be conducting a DUI check lane in conjunction with the Kansas Highway Patrol on Friday, according to a press release. The check lane is scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. on Friday and end at approximately 3 a.m. on Saturday. There will be 16 officers from RCPD and KHP participating in the check lane, which will include breath alcohol testing to check for impaired drivers. SafeRide will be in operation at this time to provide students with an option to get home safely if they are intoxicated. For more information on SafeRide and the routes available, please visit visit-k-state.edu/osas/saferride.

PETA sues Kansas State Fair

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is suing the Kansas State Fair for allegedly violating their freedom of speech. According to an Aug. 28 article by the Topeka Capital-Journal, the lawsuit was issued on Monday naming the state, the Kansas Fair Board and Denny Stoecklein, general manager of the fair, as defendants. A motion filed on Tuesday requests that the court block restrictions imposed by the fair against PETA's booth, which is scheduled to provide a screening of their documentary "Glass Walls" at the fair on Sept. 7.

The documentary concerns the treatment of animals in slaughterhouses and factory farms and contains graphic images. Fair organizers had planned to allow PETA to show the documentary only if a participation were set up to block the view of it from the general public. This would've allowed people attending the fair to choose whether or not to view the film. PETA has shown their documentary at state fairs in Colorado and Iowa without restrictions.

"Whether it is this fair, or anywhere else, we are going to fight for the right to show our video and expose the cruelty of the meat industry," said Jeff Kerr, attorney for PETA, in the Topeka Capital-Journal article.

Missouri becomes 8th state to adopt Kelsey's Law

A law requiring cellphone carriers to provide emergency location information to police, known as Kelsey's Law, has been adopted by Missouri. It is the eighth state in the U.S. to adopt this law. Kelsey's Law reinforces a federal law that allows cellphone companies to provide the location information of individual phones to police.

Kelsey's Law is named for Kelsey Smith, an 18-year-old Kansas who was abducted and murdered in 2007. Smith had planned to attend K-State to study veterinary science before she was killed. Smith was missing for several days before her cellphone information was provided to police. According to an Aug. 27 USA Today article, it took an estimated 45 minutes for police to locate her body after her cellphone's location was provided to them.

Kansas has had Kelsey's Law in place since 2009, and it has given law enforcement officials the ability to act quickly to locate individuals in emergency situations.



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Laura Hansen (right), junior in family studies and human services, snaps a photo of Devon Stuart (left), senior in agricultural communication and journalism, and Willie the Wildcat while relaxing at Kedziepalooza on Tuesday evening.

1st annual Kedziepalooza attracts 200 visitors

Krystal Bihm
staff writer

Students in journalism and mass communications and the Collegian Media Group, formerly known as Student Publications, assembled on the Kedzie Hall Courtyard on Tuesday to commence the first ever Kedziepalooza. More than 200 students visited the courtyard to participate.

Students celebrated the beginning of a new semester and invited other students into their programs. Take-Flight, AD Club, KSDB-FM 91.9, the Royal Purple yearbook, The Watch and PRSSA were all present to inform new students on how to be involved in their programs this semester.

"We're here representing today because, overall, we are working hard at getting a university wide brand," said Melissa Loehr, senior in business marketing. "I know it may sound boring to someone uninterested; however, it is

really fun if that's what you're into."

Loehr stood at her display with handouts, greeting students during the event.

"Dole Hall is always looking for students to put into positions and handing out applications for jobs," Loehr said.

Students from the A. Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications enjoyed free pizza and Pepsi products while learning about opportunities in K-State's media groups and clubs.

Robby Hudson, junior in public relations, walked around the different displays, stopping to comment on what he said was a "pretty good crowd." Like Hudson, the other students in attendance were eager to learn more about the field they had chosen to study.

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Monday, Aug. 27

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James Percival Clugston Jr., of Junction City, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$500.

Brandon Lee Gibson, of the 500 block of Juliette Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

William Joseph Bonjour, of Junction

Tuesday, Aug. 28

Isidro Jorge Tomas de Aquino, of the 500 block of North Fourth Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license, three counts of failure to appear and misdemeanor obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$3,277.

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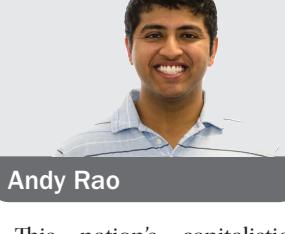
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MONEY MATTERS

5 ways to become a successful student entrepreneur



Andy Rao

This nation's capitalistic system is largely founded on the principles of entrepreneurship. The ability to take a simple idea and turn it into a revolutionary, world-changing phenomenon is an influential and coveted trait.

Notable names like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Warren Buffet have all created multibillion-dollar businesses on simple foundations and dreams.

As students, many of us have formulated ideas from our daily lives that would make even the simplest of tasks easier. If you are serious about seeing an idea come to

fruition, however, it is crucial that you do something about it.

Here are 5 ways to be a successful student entrepreneur:

1. Have a business plan

Just having an idea is not enough — you have to have a plan of action. A business plan is a must for anybody trying to turn an idea into reality, but it is especially important to have as a student entrepreneur.

Students are often met with skepticism from the business world because many of us do not have the college degree,

experience or monetary re-

sources considered necessary to realize a business idea on our own.

If, however, you have an organized, professional busi-

ness plan, you are much more likely to be taken seriously.

Do your homework, research

your market opportunities

and competition thoroughly

and you will give potential in-

vestors a reason to consider your idea.

2. Develop a strong work ethic

There is absolutely no substitute for hard work. Many people with ingenious ideas simply do not possess the patience and fortitude to go through the process of putting their plan into action.

Don't rob yourself of rare

opportunities because of laziness or forgetfulness; make

sure to follow through on every-

thing you can. As a student, you will have to take advan-

tage of every chance you get to prove yourself.

3. Forge strong professional relationships

There is nothing more valuable to you, as a student entrepre-

neur, than a network of influen-

tial individuals who can vouch for you. The best way

to network is to get yourself

out there and spread the word

about your business, and also to learn more about the way other businesses work.

Attending community events and maintaining contact with the people that you meet is vital in building a good network, so make sure that you keep in regular touch with any individuals and organizations that you work with.

4. Create your own unique brand

Small businesses in America come and go. According to the Small Business Administration, about half of small business startups fail within their first five years of existence.

One way to distinguish yourself from the rest of the crowd is to create your own personal brand.

This might seem like a common sense step to take for any business, but it is not often that businesses perfect this process.

In order to create your own

brand, you must first understand what your company stands for — its objectives, goals, missions, strategies and vision for the future.

The general public will often form opinions from first impressions, so creating a unique brand will help grab the attention of potential consumers.

5. Keep an accurate record of transactions

One of the most common reasons for a business's failure is improper accounting. Whether it is done unintentionally or knowingly, mixing up finances can be fatal for any business. As a student, it is also important to keep your personal finances separated from your business's funds.

Utilizing resources like ac-

counting software or even just staying organized with pen and paper will help you monitor the cash inflow and outflow of your business. The bottom line, after all, is money;

keep good track of it.

At the end of the day, small business owners are what drive this economy. Every giant business conglomerate started as a mere idea, waiting to be discovered and put into action. Not only have the owners of these companies been able to make millions of dollars, but they have also

been able to change the world. Imagine a world with no computers, cell phones, internet, cars, or any other goods and services that we now use on a daily basis. What would have happened if those businessmen had not succeeded?

Do the world a favor; if you have an idea, follow through. Make a plan, and strive to turn your idea into reality. You never know whose life you will change.

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Business beat: good news for borrowers

Darrington Clark
managing editor

Bank lending increases during second quarter despite lower profit margins

According to Tuesday's report from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the banking industry earned over \$34.5 billion in the April-June quarter, a \$5.9 billion improvement from last year's profits during this timeframe, despite Federal Reserve efforts to stimulate the economy through low-interest rates.

The Federal Reserve plans to keep loan interest rates low through 2014, according to an Aug. 28 article published by CNN. Regardless of the profits lost through low interest, banks' earnings have

increased by 21 percent compared to the 2011 second quarter, and the earning rate is projected to rise. The boost in lending this quarter was the second largest since the beginning of the bank's financial crisis.

Ask.com buys out About.com for \$300 million

It was announced Sunday that the search engine *About.com*, previously owned by the New York Times, will now belong to the parent company *Ask.com*.

Because of a recent change in the structure of Google search results, content from *About.com* has become more difficult to find, according to an article published Monday in USA Today. *Ask.com*'s search technology is planned to

direct more users to *About.com* and increase its profits.

Cyber-robbers using financial advisors to steal money from investors

Cases of online fraud using financial advisers as bait to steal client money are on the rise. A successful theft resulted in \$35,000 stolen from one client.

Cyber criminals have been using fake email addresses to impersonate business officials and fool financial advisers into using client money for various purposes.

Victims of this crime must dispute with financial advisers instead of being able to track criminals in order to get reimbursed, according to an article published Sunday by USA Today. This particular type

of scheme is on the rise as so many investors work with their advisers through email only.

Apple iPhone showing few signs of commercial success in China

Apple is currently seventh place among smartphone suppliers in China. According to an article published Tuesday by CNN, the price of the iPhone makes it a small contender in China's market, now becoming the biggest smartphone market in the world.

Samsung and Nokia are in higher positions in the China smartphone market, but no one company holds a majority. Apple CEO Tim Cook said there are no plans to create a cheaper iPhone to compete with other companies for the Chinese market.

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Bill Snyder holds pre-Missouri State press conference



Head coach Bill Snyder speaks to the media at the Vanier Football Complex north of Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Tuesday afternoon. Snyder addressed questions about the upcoming season.

Sean Frye
staff writer

Bill Snyder held his first pregame press conference of the season Tuesday afternoon in the Big 8 room of the Vanier Football Complex. Snyder and various players discussed Saturday's opening game against Missouri State, as well as the challenges the upcoming season will present.

One of the biggest topics of discussion was the battle between Jarell Childs and Justin Tugge, who are both vying for the strong-side linebacker starting job.

"It is very close in competition, which is a very favorable thing for us," Snyder said. "There are some differences, but Jarell just has more ex-

perience in the system at the position, which is obvious, than Justin does. Justin has not seen a ballgame environment yet, but he has picked things up reasonably well. Both of them are reasonably physical players for the position that they play. Both of them bring good size and the ability to run to the ball. The competition helps to identify the dynamics of your program and has wanted to a certain degree, and there has been a separation between your No. 1, and No. 2 and 3s."

Linebacker Arthur Brown, one of the stars on the defensive side of the ball, also believes that the competition between Childs and Tugge is a positive force on the team.

"They both bring a competitive spirit to the defense,"

Brown said. "They are competing for a starting spot right now, but we cannot lose with either one of them out there. They both bring different elements to our defense."

Last year's season opener was almost a disaster for the Wildcats, as FCS opponent Eastern Kentucky came into Manhattan and held a 7-3 lead deep into the fourth quarter. A late touchdown grab by Chris Harper allowed K-State to escape with a victory.

So this season, the team is focused on getting off to a more positive start.

"We're going in focused," linebacker Randall Evans said. "We aren't taking advantage of them, we're going to remain focused."

Wide receiver Chris Harper believes that a great-

er level of continuity within the team will help the Wildcats start off the season more positively.

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Arthur Brown
K-State linebacker

guys," Harper said. "Our offensive line was really new. Collin [Klein] was new, John [Hubert], [Tyler] Lockett and basically everyone on

offense besides me and Trae [Thompson] were new, so it was really tough. This year we have a lot of guys back, and we've continued with the momentum we had before the end of the season and had throughout the summer. I think that is going to help out a lot."

Rule changes regarding kickoffs were also a hot topic on Tuesday. This year, kickoffs will be moved up to the 35-yard line, touchbacks will be placed on the 25-yard line and kickers can no longer bounce the ball once on an onside kick before the ball sails into the air, as the receiving team will be allowed to fair catch that type of kick.

"I am in favor of the safety of the game, and that was the intent," Snyder said. "So I can appreciate the intent.

I do not really like, from the strategic standpoint, the rule itself, and they have done some other things and continue to do some other things that help in regards to safety. It does not completely resolve what the issues were. Depending on the strength of the leg of your kicker, now that allows every kicker in the country to kick the ball out of the end zone."

Ultimately, though, the Wildcats are simply ready to get back on the field in front of the fans at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Saturday.

"I am very ready," quarterback Collin Klein said. "It's been hours of preparations and going up against yourself. A lot goes into it, but it will be good to have a test, so to speak, that we get to put a lot of our hard work to use."

K-State update: quick hits

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sports editor
Tavarious Bender

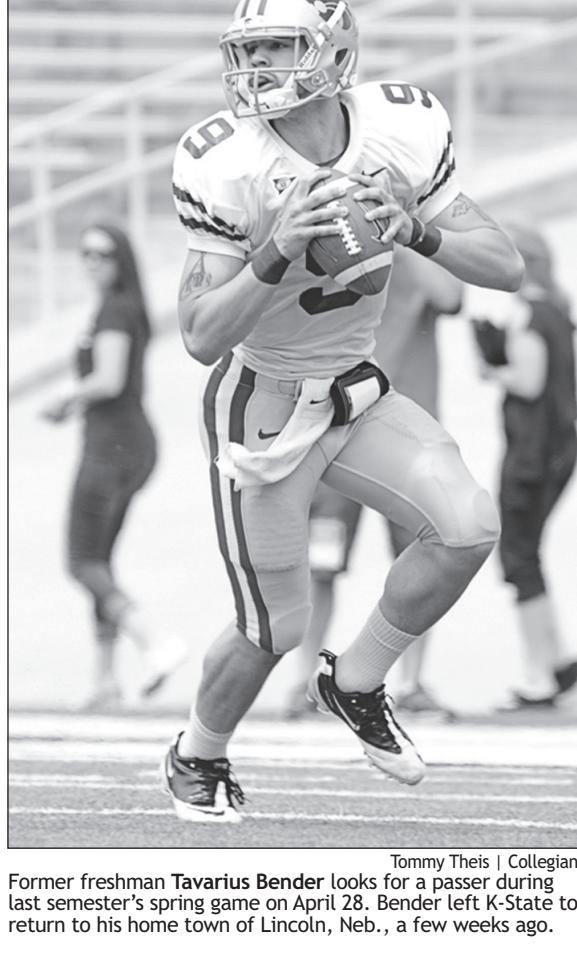
Bender, one of the Wildcats' top prospects in the 2012 class, left the team by his own choice. He was rated the No. 20 dual threat quarterback in the country by Rivals and was expected to be Collin Klein's backup quarterback. With Bender no longer in the picture, the backup quarterback position is now up for grabs between redshirt freshman Daniel Sams and sophomore Sam Johnson.

Andre McDonald

The junior tight end will not play in Saturday's opener against Missouri State as result of his recent off-the-field problems. McDonald was arrested Aug. 19 at 8 a.m. for violation of probation stemming from a minor in possession and domestic battery charge last year. He has also been convicted of a violation of the city's dangerous dog ordinance.

Sellout

It was announced that four of the home games on this year's schedule have already sold out. The Missouri State, North Texas, Oklahoma State and now KU games have all completely sold out. There are still a select few tickets for Miami, Texas Tech and Texas available for sale.



Former freshman Tavarious Bender looks for a pass during last semester's spring game on April 28. Bender left K-State to return to his home town of Lincoln, Neb., a few weeks ago.

Sound off: justice, mistakes

Mark Kern
sports editor
John Zetmeir
staff writer
Sean Frye
staff writer

"Sound Off" is a new column in which three members of the sports staff will voice their opinions on any topic of their choosing in the world of sports.

MARK:

Xavier guard Dez Wells was kicked off the university's basketball team and expelled from the university last week after he was charged with sexual assault. However, a grand jury decided that there was not enough evidence to charge Wells with the crime, making him a free man. Xavier has since stated that they will not reinstate Wells, leaving transfer to another team as his only option.

The official rule in the NCAA is that if a player transfers to another Division I school, he or she must sit out a year; however, I believe that there should be an exception in this case.

We live in a country where a person is innocent until proven guilty, and in this case, there was not enough evidence to show that Wells did anything wrong.

Wells' lawyer has said that

multiple schools have inquired about Wells joining their teams, and wherever Wells wants to play, he should be able to play immediately.

JOHN:

I believe that the Washington Nationals are making a mistake by saying that they are going to shut down pitcher Stephen Strasburg after 160 innings. Since being drafted No. 1 overall, Strasburg has exploded onto the scene and is truly living up to all of his hype coming out of college. Even though he underwent Tommy John surgery a year ago, I believe that the Nationals are making a mistake.

Strasburg is a 24-year-old ace who is helping to pave the way for a historic season for the Washington Nationals. A franchise that has not made the playoffs since 1981, the Nationals are currently 77-50 and in first place in the NL East. I believe that if the Nationals want to make it farther than the first round in the playoffs this year, they need to keep Strasburg active. My thoughts are that the Nationals should live in the moment.

SEAN:

It was announced on Tuesday that the NBA's all-time points leader, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, will get a statue in his honor at the Staples Center,

home to the Los Angeles Lakers and where Abdul-Jabbar spent most of his career. At first, this seems like a no-brainer, but with a bit of back story, this is a controversy.

In 2011, the Lakers cut ties with Abdul-Jabbar, who at the time was a special assistant to the team. Later that same year, "The Captain" voiced his displeasure with Laker great Jerry West for receiving a statue prior to getting one himself.

The Lakers announced shortly after Abdul-Jabbar's comments that he would be the next player to receive a statue. This is a mistake, though. Receiving a statue is one of the greatest honors an athlete can receive and to sit and beg for one because you are jealous that someone other than yourself got one is petty and childish. The fact that he will receive a statue after his comments shows cowardice on the Lakers' part.

It's too late to take back the statue (although Penn State would beg to differ), but putting up Abdul-Jabbar's likeness is a mistake.

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the collegian

Film slow, despite Jack Black

"Bernie"

★★★☆☆
Movie review by Nicolas Wahl

What do you get when you take a genuinely friendly, overly selfless assistant funeral director and an overbearing, selfish and mean-spirited millionaire-widow and mix them with small-town Texas gossip and four shots in the back, all based on a true story? In the case of Richard Linklater's "Bernie," we get a movie that could have been great, but instead fell flat as an uninspiring hodgepodge of dark comedy, true-crime drama and mockumentary filmmaking.

The scene is Carthage, Texas, and the story begins with a brief background of Bernhardt "Bernie" Tiede (Jack Black) and Marjorie Nugent (Shirley MacLaine) told in a series of character references given by Carthage townsfolk mixed with snap scenes of the two characters living up to their reputations. (It is interesting to note that Linklater used both paid actors and actual Carthage residents to provide

these narrative anecdotes.) Black does a commendable job, breaking type-cast and shedding his usual wry, funnyman schtick for a subtle, understated performance as the film's anti-hero, and MacLaine is believable as Nugent, Carthage's resident royal witch. However, the film's wishy-washy lack of self-identity and direction fail to give the audience enough reason to care or to produce any real drama, nor does the film provide enough laughs to truly qualify as a "dark comedy."

It is unfortunate because this is a story (a true story, for goodness' sake) that could have worked fabulously if it focused on being just one of the many things that it is trying to be. Instead, "Bernie" plods along at a snail's pace, using a past-tense narrative and minimal imagery to articulate the relationship between the two characters as it progresses from friendship to possessive servitude, eventually ending in murder.

This all sets the stage for the eventual trial in which opportunist and Texas-cocky District Attorney Danny Buck (Matthew McConaughey) plays

villain to Tiede and a majority of Carthage townspeople by trying to get Tiede convicted of murder.

If "Bernie" had succeeded in its endeavors, the verdict would have been a gut-wrenchingly tense event resulting in tears of joy or overwhelming sympathy. Either that or it would have provided enough laughs and quirkiness along the way that the result wouldn't have mattered.

There were, however, definite highlights, such as Linklater's authentic portrayal of small-town life, his melding of paid actors with actual residents, some subtle comedy sprinkled in every so often and the aforementioned performance by Black. "Bernie" could have easily been a 4-star flick, but the lack of depth and direction made it merely average.

The character Bernie probably said it best: "You never want to turn grief tragically into comedy."

Perhaps Linklater should have listened.

Nicolas Wahl is a sophomore in journalism and mass communications. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

Graphic novel deep, intriguing

"Underwater Welder"

★★★★★
Movie review by Tyler Brown

The fall semester has barely begun and I've already found a book that should be on everybody's reading lists. The work is chock-full of themes like the loss of a loved one, existential longing and the inherent anxiety that comes with starting a family. Oh, and did I mention this is an original graphic novel?

"The Underwater Welder" by Jeff Lemire follows Jack Joseph, a simple man working on an oil rig up north off the coast of Nova Scotia. When Halloween comes around, Jack finds himself consumed by the past, thinking of his father. This influences and reinforces Jack's uncertainty about starting his own family with his worried wife, Susie.

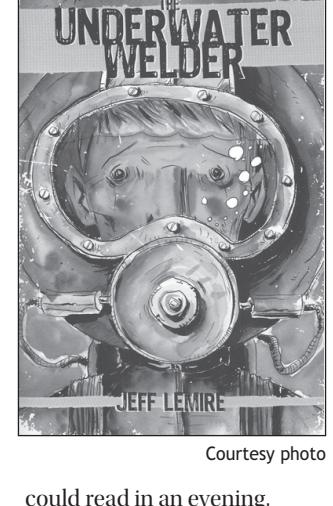
With Jack's mind occupied by both the past and future, something bad is bound to happen. While on the job, Jack's oxygen levels go wonky and he swears he sees a piece

of his childhood on the ocean floor.

I don't want to ruin where the story goes from here. However, I will say that this encounter steers the book in such a strange direction that I can only agree with Damon Lindelof's (co-creator of "LOST") introduction in which he calls it "the most spectacular episode of 'The Twilight Zone' that was never produced."

The art in "The Underwater Welder" can only be compared to two other titles by Lemire ("Essex County" and "Sweet Tooth"), because he has such a unique, almost scratchy art style. Although not filled with detail, Lemire commands his lines to bring depth and emotion to his story while using watercolor grays to add tone.

To say that the writing in this original graphic novel keeps the reader's attention would be an understatement. Coming in at 224 pages, this comic is a relatively brisk read, but a worthy one. Lemire adds to the mystery of Jack and his father by creating pages that resonate with later events, giving the story a more cyclical feel. In a graphic novel you



Courtesy photo

could read in an evening, you experience Jack Joseph's struggles with his wife, unborn son, father and a mysterious ghost town.

If you're already feeling the pressures of assigned readings for class, Jeff Lemire's "The Underwater Welder" can alleviate stress as a quick read and provide a deep, meaningful story along the way.

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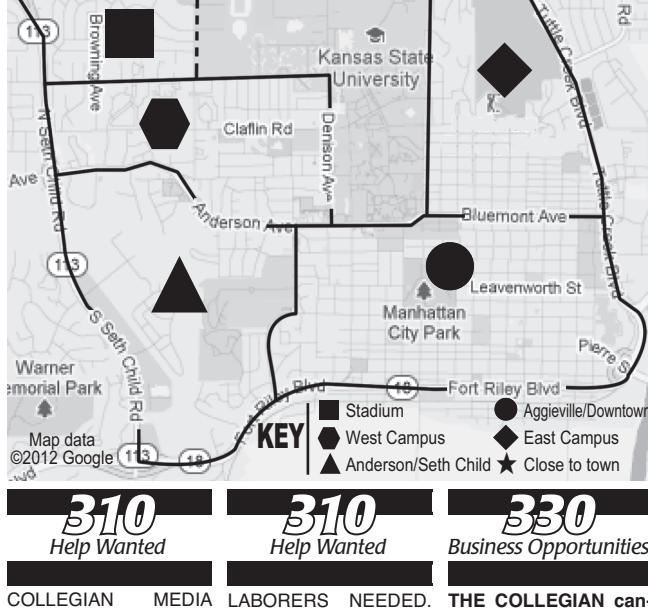
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Brian Brushwood's 'bizarre' magic 'beats playing bingo'

Mike Stanton
staff writer

Brian Brushwood tries to avoid referring to his act as a "magic show."

"When you hear the phrase 'magic show,' you tend to think of a little kid's birthday party," said Brushwood, who performed in the K-State Student Union's Forum Hall on Tuesday evening in a show sponsored by the Union Program Council. "When you call it 'bizarre magic,' it gets people interested."

Brushwood, who has published several books on illusions and magic tricks, didn't pick up the art until his freshman year at the University of Texas at Austin.

"I just randomly decided that magic would be a fun hobby," he said. "By the time I graduated, I had a pretty solid 30-minute routine."

Brushwood was working in the computer industry when he decided to try performing full-time.

"I was offered a raise, and I realized, 'Crap, this is how people end up doing something they hate for their whole lives,'" Brushwood said. "I decided I would give myself a year to try and make something of magic."

Brushwood, who performs tricks of his own creation as well as putting his own spin on classics, electrified his audience even without his trademark fire-eating act, which the fire marshal would not allow in Forum Hall.

He opened with "The Human Blockhead," in which he hammered the full length of a 3-inch nail into his nose. Next, he called Jasmine Davis, freshman in sociology, to the stage to assist him in "The Indian Skewer."

"I didn't really volunteer as much as I got 'volun-told,'" said Davis, part of the UPC's Multi-cultural Committee, who came

to support the council's Art Committee, which organized the event.

Davis was told to thoroughly inspect Brushwood's tongue, which he then proceeded to pierce with a metal skewer, much to the delight of the audience. At the conclusion of the trick, Brushwood jokingly offered Davis the choice between the skewer and a chunk of his "tongue" and a copy of one of his books as payment for her services.

"I told him he could keep his biohazard," Davis said.

The crowd grew more and more excited as Brushwood rolled through his performance, demonstrating psychic readings, optical illusions and impressive feats of pain tolerance. Fan favorites included a Russian roulette-style game in which Brushwood put a knife under one of four identical foam cups and proceeded to smash them with his palm, as well as a trick in which he inserted a small nail into his eyelid and maneuvered it under his skin to the other eye, where he dropped it into a glass.

For the grand finale, Brushwood boasted that he would escape from a prison-issued straightjacket in less than two minutes or would not accept compensation for his performance. Brushwood barely beat the clock, triumphantly spiking the canvas restraint to the floor to thunderous applause.

Brushwood, who says that college students are his favorite crowd to perform for, stuck around after the show signing autographs and chatting with impressed audience members.

David Dechant, sophomore in history and anthropology, was thrilled with the show.

"I've always been a fan of magic," he said. "It sure beat playing bingo in my residence hall."



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Brian Brushwood performs a trick during his show on Tuesday in Forum Hall, located in the K-State Student Union. Brushwood mixed soda, milk, orange juice and a few other liquids, poured them through a straw that wrapped around his body and through his nose and spit the mixture into a cup about 4 feet away.

Letter to the Editor: Parking Services failed to provide warning to scooter, moped users about policy change

To the editor:

This is an open letter to my fellow scooter riders on campus, as well as Parking Services and the Council on Parking Operations. You should be aware that parking regulations have changed significantly this year with regards to scooters and mopeds. Until now, as long as a scooter was registered with a bicycle permit and that permit was prominently displayed, you were allowed to park it in any bicycle rack. As of the current school year this has changed. The current regulations state, per section LA.6 [1]:

"Motorized bicycles and MOPEDS (50cc and less) capable of being pedaled may utilize bicycle parking with a bicycle permit. All other motorcycles, motor bikes, scooters

and MOPEDS may park only in designated motorcycle stalls with a motorcycle permit."

The key phrase here is "capable of being pedaled." If your scooter or moped does not have pedals, then you will be in violation of the new regulation if you park in a bike rack. Parking Services is currently issuing warnings for people unknowingly in violation of this change, but will probably soon start issuing citations. When I asked the very helpful staff at Parking Services about this change, they did say that it was indeed new and was enacted due to clogging of bike racks and adjacent sidewalks.

due to the increased popularity of scooters and mopeds. I'm not being sarcastic here, they really were quite helpful.

I understand that Park-

ing Services and the Parking Council has a duty to make sure that parking on campus is fair and safe for everyone. I used to work for Parking Services and Public Safety, so I understand the kind of grief that they are accustomed to, and have tried to be a regulation-abiding parking citizen while on campus. What I don't understand is why the Parking Council decided to enact this change without sending any kind of notice to customers affected by it.

My scooter has been legally registered on campus for a full year, and I have been parking in the same bike rack for that time. When I asked the Parking Services staff about the lack of posted notice, I was informed that the warning tickets I received this week were intended to serve as notice. I do not think that this is sufficient

outreach for such a change that will affect so many people on this campus. And there must be a large number; otherwise the Parking Council would not have considered this change. I would have preferred something more proactive. Perhaps a simple notice in K-State Today, or even small ad could have been run in the Collegian all last week at not very much cost.

I would like to suggest to the Parking Council or any other body responsible for maintaining the campus parking regulations that the new rule does not meet the standards as set by the Kansas Department of Revenue with regards to vehicle registration. My scooter is classified as a "motorized bicycle" which is defined as follows:

"[has] two tandem wheels or three wheels which may be pro-

pelled by either human power or helper motor, or by both, and which has all of the following:

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There is nothing there that says the vehicle must have pedals to qualify. It would seem to me that the Parking Council should abide by these guidelines and not redefine this vehicle classification to suit their needs.

As a result of this, I did register for a legal motorcycle

permit. I haven't bought a parking permit at KSU for 7 years, so found the procedure to be a bit different now than it used to be. I even bought a temporary permit so that I can continue to park legally while I await my permit. I am happy to comply with regulations, and appreciate that they need to change over time to meet current needs, even when I disagree with them. I would just like better notice when they change in the future, and perhaps an avenue to air my disagreement with the Parking Council so that it is at least on record.

Sincerely,

Seth Galitzer
Systems Coordinator
Computing and Information Sciences

KEDZIE | Event encourages students to join K-State media

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merchandise and 'shwag' the different groups had to offer," said Logan Falletti, sophomore in public relations. "I'm really excited to learn about what Kedzie and its affiliates have to offer me, because I switched my major. PR seems to be more marketable, with a more presentable image. I feel they have more skills to give me."

Amy Montgomery, senior in public relations, was on a mission to promote the event. Montgomery was eager to meet with students sharing her interests.

"I think it's cool to hang out with people from the same JMC School and meet the people in similar majors," Montgomery said.

The Wildcat 91.9 played music while prizes, merchandise, and giveaways were handed out to eager scholars and "JMCers."

"It was a great idea to gather all the opportunities to get involved all in one place to see everything there is to offer," said Caitlin Whetstone, sophomore in mass communications and promotions director for The Wildcat 91.9.

The Wildcat 91.9 DJs and promoters were present at their own display.

"It provides a lot of options for those [students] really looking to get involved. I'm excited that The Wildcat 91.9 was a part of this kind of event to give awareness for what we do and how others can take part," Whetstone said. "It was the first event we were out at this semester so it's exciting

Students and advisers both said they considered the first Kedziepalooza a step forward for the JMC School and that Kedziepalooza may be an annual event at K-State.

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